

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING APRIL 15, 2013

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, April 15, 2013, at 8:30 a.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Administration Center. Those in attendance included President Tyler Moore, Vice President Paul Wyman and Member Brad Bray. Also in attendance were County Attorney Larry Murrell and Auditor Martha Lake.

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Steve Rogers and conducted by President Tyler Moore. Commissioner Bray led the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Wyman offered a word of prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the April 1, 2013, Regular Meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved on a motion made by Mr. Wyman and seconded by Mr. Bray.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT:

On today's meeting agenda, Ms. Susan Cox is listed under New Business, concerning the prospective Wind Farm to be located in Eastern Howard County. Because there are other citizens in attendance, concerning wind farm issues, President Moore will listen to Ms. Cox, now, during Public Comment. He will also open the floor for continuing comment from those in attendance. The following is a listing of names and addresses of those who gave comment during the meeting. All comments referenced the proposed Wind Turbines to be located in Eastern Howard County and the proposed Wind Turbines on the West side of Tipton County that are close to the Howard County border, and affect the Chippendale residents. The majority of comments requested the Board of Commissioners to declare a Moratorium on permits for Wind Turbine installation until after the Board of Commissioners and the Plan Commission can research recent information on the effects of Wind Turbines, re-evaluate the setback distances, and possibly amend the current Zoning Ordinance. All those who spoke, thanked the Board of Commissioners for allowing them the opportunity to speak.

Susan Cox, 308 Holiday Drive, Greentown, Indiana
Grace Aprill, 12765 E County Road 100 North, Greentown, Indiana
Joe Anderson, 11750 E County Road 200 North, Greentown, Indiana
Laura DeCarlo, 4705 Bramoor Court, Kokomo, Indiana
Brett McNeill, 1601 Bramoor Drive, Kokomo, Indiana
Marc Goodair, 3973 Glen Moor Way, Kokomo, Indiana
Priscilla George, 4814 S County Road 200 West, Kokomo, Indiana
Keith Brautigian, 2234 N County Road 1000 East, Greentown, Indiana
Deb Hearn, 922 N County Road 300 West, Kokomo, Indiana
Darrell Pennycoff, 1976 W County Road 500 South, Kokomo, Indiana
Serena Milton, 4027 N County Road 900 West, Sharpsville, Indiana (Tipton County)
Jim Leffler, 3464 S County Road 725 West (Tipton County)
Paige Hoover, 8562 W County Road 200 North (Tipton County)
Kristie Mullett, 3353 N County Road 1000 East, Greentown, Indiana
Mike Baden, (Tipton County)
Nancy Carney, 606 W Jane Drive, Sharpsville, Indiana (Tipton County)
Kennalyn Watson, 957 Echo Lane, Kokomo, Indiana
John Mullett, 3353 N County Road 1000 East, Greentown, Indiana
Star Brautigian, 2234 N County Road 1000 East, Greentown, Indiana

President Moore closed the discussion and thanked everyone who took the time to come to the meeting, as well as those who spoke on the Wind Turbine issue.

At this time the Regular Meeting was recessed at 10:14 a.m. and reconvened at 10:23 a.m.

There was a request from the contingency of citizens in attendance to take action on a Moratorium on permits for Wind Turbine Installation. Discussion ensued concerning the fact that any action concerning Wind Turbine installation was not publicized on the meeting's agenda. People who are in favor of Wind Turbine installation at the present set back limits need to have the opportunity to be heard in a public meeting. It would not be fair to take action on a Moratorium, today. Also discussed was the possibility of permit's being issued before the Commissioners could take action. President Moore, Commissioner Wyman, Plan Commission Director Greg Sheline, and Attorney Larry Murrell spoke to the due diligence of

the permit process (about 30 days of research and consideration), and the effects of a Moratorium on current legal documents. At the conclusion of the discussion a compromise was suggested by Mr. Wyman. If a permit request is filed before the Commissioners have had a chance to consider and act on the Moratorium Request in a public meeting, and it takes thirty (30) days to consider the permit, Mr. Wyman is committed to a public meeting within the thirty days. It was the consensus of the Board of Commissioners to agree to the compromise.

At 10:55 a.m. a motion was made by Mr. Wyman, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to recess the Regular Commissioner Meeting and open the previously scheduled Drainage Board Meeting.

The Regular Commissioner Meeting was reconvened at 11:09 a.m.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT:

1) Sheriff Steve Rogers and Auditor Lake reviewed a CJC Renovation and Technology Upgrade Project Update with the Board of Commissioners. Sheriff Rogers explained the additional \$17,468.38 he is donating from the Inmate Technology Fund, will be used for console equipment not included at the beginning of the project. The extra funds brought the total funds for the project to \$742,268.38. There is currently \$103,500.30 in available funds. The total cost of the project, so far, is \$771,435.58; that is \$29,167.20 in excess of the available funds. The project will require an additional appropriation of at least \$29,167.20. At the end of ensuing discussion a motion was made by Mr. Wyman to approve an Additional Appropriation request of up to \$35,000.00 from Jail and Juvenile COIT, if the Auditor deems that it is an allowable expense. If it is not an allowable expense, then the request would be made from the Cumulative Capital Fund. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried. Sheriff Rogers thanked all the employees at the jail who helped oversee this project, to keep it clean and on track.

2) Captain Jerry Asher began by informing the Commissioners that the Annual Inspection will be held on Thursday, May 16, 2013, at the Criminal Justice Center. All the Commissioners are invited to attend.

Captain Asher submitted and distributed Invitations to Quote for six (6) pursuit SUV's. Five of the older patrol vehicles will be transferred to the EMA Department, and the current EMA vehicles will be traded in and applied to the six new vehicles. Captain Asher is asking to quote SUV's in lieu of a regular pursuit vehicle. According to last year's vehicle quotes, there was only a difference of about \$100 per vehicle to quote on an SUV from a full size cruiser. Patrol cruisers are traded in after 100,000 miles; an SUV will be used up to 150,000 miles. Commissioner Moore asked Captain Asher to include cruisers in the specifications so quotes can be made for comparison purposes. The quotes are to be returned to the Sheriff's Office by Monday, May 6th. A motion was made by Mr. Wyman, seconded by Mr. Bray, and carried to approve the Invitation to Quote for six (6) Sheriff pursuit vehicles. Captain Asher will hand deliver the Invitations to Quote.

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT:

1) Personnel Director Wanda McKillip submitted an Employee Memo concerning Colonial Life Supplemental Insurance meetings, to be held on Wednesday, May 1st and Thursday, May 2nd. The Employee Memo was approved for distribution on a motion made by Mr. Wyman and seconded by Mr. Bray.

2) The Healthy Lunch & Learn flyers were distributed to employees, last Friday. That luncheon will be held on Tuesday, April 23, 2013, from 11:10 – 11:50 a.m. (Session One) and 12:10 p.m. to 12:50 p.m. (Session Two).

3) Wellness Testing packets have been sent to eligible employees.

4) Thursday, April 18, will be the Docuware Conference, in Michigan, and attendees will be leaving Wednesday evening. Two employees from the Personnel Office (including Ms. McKillip), three from the Auditor's Office (including Auditor Lake) and Commissioner Brad Bray will be attending. Ms. Lake submitted emergency claims for hotel rooms. If they are able to bring the money the day of the conference, no sales tax will be charged. The Emergency Claims for hotel rooms, at \$95.23 each, were approved on a motion made by Mr. Wyman and seconded by Mr. Bray. Ms. McKillip thanked Sheriff Rogers for the use of one of the transport vehicles.

5) Student tours for National County Government Month have been going very well. Last Friday the Courthouse hosted 225 third graders. This Wednesday, there will be a tour for 100 Western Students. Ms. McKillip thanked Office Holders, Department Heads, and employees who have helped.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS AND REPORTS:

Auditor Martha Lake submitted the following claims and reports for the Commissioners' information and approval:

1. **Operating Claims:** The Operating Claims payable today, in the amount of \$369,481.87, were submitted, and approved on a motion made by Mr. Wyman and seconded by Mr. Bray.
2. **Salary Claims:** The Commissioners' Salary, Hourly and Overtime Claims payable April 19 and 26, 2013, in the amount of \$353,563.57 each, were submitted and approved on a motion made by Mr. Wyman and seconded by Mr. Bray.
3. **Reports:** Ms. Lake submitted the Treasurer's Monthly Report for the month ending March 31, 2013; the Clerk of the Circuit Court Monthly Report for the month ending March 31, 2013; the Veterans Service Report for the month of March, 2013; the EMA March and April 2013 Calendar and Activity listing. All reports were accepted as submitted on a motion made by Mr. Wyman and seconded by Mr. Bray.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY ISSUES:

County Attorney Larry Murrell submitted the following issues for the Commissioners' information and approval:

1. **Amendment To DCS Contract:** Mr. Murrell submitted a Renewal Amendment to the Contract between Howard County (Kinsey Youth Center) and the Department of Child Services; the contract number is EDS A93-2-12-CB-00-0093. This is an amendment to the contract approved two years ago, and only amends the date to June 30, 2015. Mr. Murrell has reviewed the Amendment and found it to be in order. A motion was made by Mr. Wyman to approve the amended contract with the Department of Child Services and authorize the President to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray, and carried.
2. **Invoices:** Mr. Murrell submitted an invoice from Barnes & Thornburg, in the amount of \$1,957.00. This invoice is for legal services for the period ending February 28, 2013, General Finance Advice. Mr. Murrell also submitted a statement from Assistant County Attorney Alan D. Wilson, in the amount of \$1,000.00. This is the Monthly Office Allowance for the first half of 2013. A motion was made by Mr. Wyman, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to approve both invoices for payment as submitted.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

COMMISSIONER WYMAN:

The Board of Commissioners has received a request from the Howard County Arts League Committee for a \$2,500 Grant. The Howard County Arts League Committee acts as an umbrella organization for all county art organizations. A motion was made by Mr. Wyman, seconded by Mr. Bray, and carried to approve a \$2,500 Grant to the Howard County Arts League Committee, to be paid from the EDIT Fund Local Business Civic Grant (1112-000-03701.03).

COMMISSIONER MOORE:

- 1) Mr. Moore submitted an IDEM Notice of Decision, revoking the previous Administrative Amendment awarded to General Motors Components Holdings, No. 067-32778-00061. The Notice was received on a motion made by Mr. Wyman and seconded by Mr. Bray.
- 2) The Board of Commissioners received a request from the National Day of Prayer Organizers to use the sidewalks and lawns of the east side of the Courthouse for a rally on Thursday, May 2, 2013. Traditionally the organization requests to use the Courthouse lobby in case of inclement weather. Because of the Courthouse security procedures, the Rally will be held at Grace United Methodist if there is inclement weather.

3) Mr. Reed submitted a copy of the Lawmasters contract for the roofing repair of the Courthouse. The bond was also attached to the contract and will be on file in the Auditor's Office.

*There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time,
the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. on a motion
made by Mr. Wyman and seconded by Mr. Bray.*

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

TYLER O. MOORE, PRESIDENT

PAUL G. WYMAN, VICE PRESIDENT

ROBERT B. BRAY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

MARTHA J. LAKE, AUDITOR
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